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SUBJ: GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH GREEK PERMREP THEODOROPOULOS
OCTOBER 14, CHARGE CONVEYED US VIEWS (REFTEL) ON GREEK PRESENTA-
TION TO NAC ON OCTOBER 9 REGARDING GREECE-NATO RELATIONS.

2. THEODOROPOULOS WELCOMED US COMMENTS, AND REPORTED THAT,
FOLLOWING HIS DISCUSSION WITH CHARGE ON OCTOBER 8, HE
HAD RECEIVED AN ANGRY MESSAGE FROM CARAMANLIS, WHO WAS
THEN IN LONDON, INDICATING THAT US VIEWS CONVEYED ON
OCTOBER 8 (USNATO 5479; STATE 239284; STATE 236950)
WERE: (A) UNTIMELY, BECAUSE THEY IMMEDIATELY
PRECEDED THE MORE FORTHCOMING GREEK PRESENTATION IN NAC ON
OCTOBER 9, AND (B) UNDULY ACCENTED IMPLICATIONS FOR
TURKEY OF GREECE'S CURRENT ROLE IN NATO.
THEODOROPOULOS BELIEVED THAT LATEST US VIEWS ON GREEK PRE-
SENTATION, HOWEVER, WOULD HELP TO SMOOTH THE RUFFLED
FEATHERS OF HIS AUTHORITIES.

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3. THEODOROPOULOS COMPLAINED ALSO ABOUT
THE PRESS LEAKS THAT APPEARED OVER THE WEEKEND ON
HIS OCTOBER 9 NAC PRESENTATION. IN ADDITION TO A
REUTERS DISPATCH, DEUTSCHE WELLE HAD CARRIED AN

EXTENSIVE REPORT, AS HAD THE TURKISH PRESS. THE
RESULT, THEODOROPOULOS SAID, IS THAT VIRTUALLY ALL
ASPECTS OF THE NINE POINTS IN THE GREEK PRESENTATION
TO ITS ALLIES ARE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND HAVE BEEN
CAPITALIZED UPON BY THE OPPOSITION AND PRESS IN ATHENS.
THIS SITUATION, HE SAID, PLACES CARAMANLIS IN AN
EXTREMELY DIFFICULT POSITION AS HE PREPARES TO FACE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE THIS WEEK. THEODOROPOULOS
PLANS TO URGE THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE
CONFIDENTIALITY OF FURTHER NAC AND DPC DISCUSSIONS, WHERE
ATTENDANCE COULD BE LIMITED. STREATOR

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